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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONGRATULATORY ANNIVERSARY
MESSAGE TO THE OAU

1. EMBASSY LIBREVILLE REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO OAU CHAIRMAN BONGO ON OR BEFORE
MAY 25. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA SHOULD DELIVER MESSAGE TO
OAU SECRETARIAT. VOA PLANS TO BROADCAST MESSAGE AND WHITE
HOUSE HAS NO OBJECTION IF OAU OR GABONESE GOVERNMENT RELEASE
TEXT.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, EL HAJ OMAR BONGO, CHAIRMAN,
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUND-
ING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, PLEASE ACCEPT ON
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BEHALF OF THE LEADERS OF THE MEMBER STATES MY WARMEST BEST
WISHES AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU AND YOUR
DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN
THE SUCCESS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS ACHIEVED
IN FASHIONING CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES TO THE PRESSING PRO-
BLEMS AFRICA FACES TODAY.

3. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA A

COMMON COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICA. WE SHARE WITH YOU A COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE AND INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS, TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND TO AN AFRICA THAT IS FREE FROM COLONIALISM, FREE FROM RACISM, FREE FROM INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE NATIONS, AND FREE FROM THE CONFLICTS THAT CAN ARISE WHEN THE INTEGRITY OF NATIONAL FRONTIERS IS NOT RESPECTED. WE BELIEVE THAT AFRICANS THEMSELVES CAN FIND PEACEFUL ANSWERS TO AFRICAN DISPUTES THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR FELLOW HEADS OF STATE TO STRENGTHEN THE PEACEMAKING ROLE OF THE OAU TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF YOUR CONTINENT.

4. IT IS THESE COMMON COMMITMENTS AND BELIEFS THAT SHAPE THE ATTITUDES AND POLICIES OF MY COUNTRY TOWARD AFRICA, AND TOWARD THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. OUR DEPARTURE FROM PAST ALOOFNESS IS DEMONSTRATED BY OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WORK WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE OAU TO ACHIEVE JUST, PEACEFUL AND LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS IS NOT JUST A PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF MY OWN, BUT REPRESENTS THE DEEP FEELINGS AND DEEP INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT OF MUTUAL TRUST AND COOPERATION THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED STRENGTHENING OF THE

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CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PEOPLES OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

5. FRENCH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL. VANCE

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